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PROPAGATION: Oct 17, High/Above Normal;
Oct 18, Above Normal; Oct 19, High Normal;
Oct 20, Above Normal; Oct 21, High Normal;
Oct 22, High Normal; Oct 23, Low Normal;
Oct 24, High Normal; Oct 25, Above Normal;
Oct 26, 27, High Normal; Oct 28, High/
Above Normal; Oct 29, High/Low Normal;
Oct 30, Below Normal/Disturbed; Oct 31,
High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX and KH6BZF.

KF10/CEØ
SAN FELIX

Bob Read, WB1GDQ, got his new Extra class callsign just in time, and left Connecticut for Chile with it in hand Oct 14, Wednesday. He hopes to be on the air from San Felix by the weekend of Oct 17.

Both WØAX and N4CNL have bowed out of the operation; Read will be joined in Chile by two locals for the helicopter trip to San Felix. It is believed that these two Chileans are very newly licensed as hams. Read will have to take care of business matters on the island before any hamming is undertaken, and the length of his stay will be at the discretion of the island's commanding officer.

Read will be using a KWM-380 on loan from Collins, and other unspecified equipment. As time on San Felix will be very limited, it is hoped that those not needing a contact will wait patiently for those who do, and requests for changes in band and/or mode will probably not be accommodated. Read is expected to do quite a lot of CW operating, though.

He will be announcing the QSL route instructions on the air once operating has begun. All plans for a short stop on Juan Fernandez have been cancelled. As WA4WME has said, "There are only 14 real DXpedition spots; all the rest are vacations." San Felix is NO vacation.

SMOM 1AØKM

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee has recommended and the League's Headquarters Awards Committee has approved DXCC country status for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, but the matter does not yet appear to be settled. Internal dissension both on the DXAC and on the HAC has surfaced, as well as considerable grumbling from many DXers.

It is said that material in hand in Newington had been lacking one vital piece of documentation concerning SMOM...this particular item was hand-carried back by ARRL Communications Manager Lindholm, W1XX, who visited SMOM while on a trip to Italy. Sources report that this item swayed the HAC to accept the DXAC recommendation, which had been on a close vote. The vote within the HAC itself was four-to-three, with DXCC manager W3AZD not voting (as is customary). Word is that had W3AZD voted, the score would have been four-four, and country status would have not been granted.

DXCC status for SMOM first became a topic of discussion in the early 1960's; ARRL general manager John Huntoon, in a letter to a prominent DXer, stated in 1967 that so long as SMOM had "no telecommunications activity and thus no assignment of a prefix by ITU, (they would) find it difficult if not impossible to consider it a new country."

Nothing at SMOM has changed in the intervening fourteen years, but ARRL management and decision-making has. Therein lies the reason for the change of attitude.

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BURMA

JA1BRK, Tac Yonemura, has circulated a letter to a number of groups and publications (including TDXB). Actually, it is a translation of an article written for one of the Japanese amateur radio magazines. After the initial XZ9A and XZ5A operations were organized by JA8BMK and JA8BKM, Tac decided to visit Karen State himself for a look-see.

Tac's article makes several salient points, one of which is that although the licenses for XZ5A and XZ9A were not issued by the Rangoon government, apparently the operations have met with no resistance from the central authorities. He points out that Burma, since its independence from England following WW 2, has been a fragmented country, with several nearly autonomous regions having different cultures and languages. The Karen people, in particular, have been subject to periodic persecution by Rangoon.

Thailand, which borders the Karen state, has unofficially recognized it for many years, and is presently supplying both food and arms of war to the Karen people. Apparently, Thailand, which is surrounded on all sides by "non-free" countries, believes the Karen state to be an ally.

JA1BRK (and others) believes that for these and other reasons, XZ5A and XZ9A operating from Kaw Thoo Lei, Karen State, should be granted separate DXCC status independent of Burma, under DXCC Countries List Criteria #1 (Government).dministration).

Many will compare this situation to that of Southern Sudan, granted country status in 1973. Southern Sudan, actually three provinces in the south of Sudan, was granted "limited autonomy" by the central government in 1972, in response to sporadic rebellion by the provinces against the central government, rebellion which had a twenty-year history.

Questions which must be answered are 1) does "limited autonomy" equal "separate government?" and 2) how limited is the autonomy of the Karen state?

Last weekend's New England DXCC Banquet hosted about eighty DXers for an afternoon and evening two-session gathering. Featured speakers Dave Fisk, KA1CY (D4CBC operation early 1980), Don Search (ARRL DXCC manager) and Vince Thompson, K5VT, were all well-received. Dr. Thompson's presentation centered around his professional work, which is to train doctors in surgery in Third World countries. WIDA's DX quiz, a toughie, was won by K1MM, K1ST, and K5VT.

CONTEST EXPEDITIONS

More expeditions reporting in for the CQ WW Phone Contest...

Three well-known contesters will slug it out from the Caribbean: Dick Norton, N6AA, will again operate 9Y4VU, trying to regain his single-operator all-band world record, which was taken by EA8AK last year.

Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, heads for Grand Cayman and will sign either ZF2RJ or his host's call, ZF1MA. His time will be limited but Jim says he may get in a little CW work the last day or so before the Contest.

Bill Ovca, N1GL, will activate the Dominican Republic, with either an HI8 call or N1GL/HI8. He particularly mentioned operating 160 Meters both nights at 0600Z on 1818.

Bill Zachman, W6TPH, begins a four-country trip as W6TPH/CT3 on Madeira Is. for the CQ Phone Contest. He then will be trying for stops at the Comoros D68, Mayotte, FH0, before ending on Rodriguez 3B9 for the CW CW Contest just after Thanksgiving. Just in case on-site facilities aren't adequate, he's taking a vertical for 40/80/160.

Dave Gardner, K6LPL, will operate VO2CW (a good zone multiplier) in the "Phone Contest, single band 20 Meters.

Other expeditions have already been mentioned in TDXB and appear in the CALENDAR.

BANDPASS

A35RX 14290 09E 9	HL1IJ 21020 02C 9	TU2JM 21280 21E 6	OE5JTL/YK 21292 20E 7
A4XIU 21273 20E 8	HS1KO 21253 19C 7	UK1PGO 7004 03C 5	OE5JTL/YK 21290 19E 8
A4XIU 21275 22C 8	JY5US 14224 00C 9	UF6FFF 21350 17E 7	ZD7HH 21280 19E 8
A9XDD 21356 03C 6	J3AAE 28555 20W 5	UI8ZAC 28523 13E 6	ZD8RH 21005 23E 7
Z9XCE 21004 03E 7	J28DM 21302 21E 7	UI8ACG 21028 03W 7	ZE1JE 21292 19C 7
A9XCE 21003 04W 7	J28DM 21279 22C 8	UM8MBU 14065 01C 7	ZK1CG 21351 03C 6
CE9AH 21315 11E 7	KC6DG 28550 01C 7	VK9ZG 14211 10E 6	3B8DB 21290 03W 6
CE9AH 21315 23C 7	KH2AJ 14316 11E 7	VK9ZG 14331 10E 8	3B8CF 7006 02E 8
CE0AE 21337 00C 6	AH8AB 21274 02C 7	VP8QG 28528 22E 7	4U1UN 14207 20E 7
EA9IE 28525 20W 5	LU3ZY 14240 00E 7	VP8AEN 14253 10E 5	5H3TM 28510 21E 7
FK8KAB 14220 10E 8	M1C 14028 03C 6	VQ9AD 14217 10E 8	5T5ZZ 14212 23C 8
FK8CL 14023 11E 9	OD5KO 21281 19E 8	VS5DD 28555 20C 6	8Q7AZ 14225 15W 8
FO8HL 14280 10E 9	OH0BA 21025 12C 7	VS6IC 21345 00E 5	9J2BO 28500 19C 8
HB0NL 28025 16C 7	TA2KS 14212 02C 7	VU2RQ 14030 12E 8	9Q5FK 28620 18C 8
HB0BNP 14025 12C 8	TL8RC 21036 22C 7	YJ8RG 14201 09E 7	9V1TL 14009 11E 6

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Sats; All others: please mail reports by Fridays.

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HELP WANTED

WA2NSM needs a TJ1AC address for a 1980 QSO.

K9AJ needs a D2ACK QSL route (1976); ISWL does not work.

Recent FI8AA is bogus and W6RTN does not need QSL requests.

WA7OBH looking for tips on QSLs for: HS4AMU, 3B8RS, TA1NA, 7Z2AP, HL9UB, TR8IG, N6KA/VP2A, and YB0ACP.

WB1DQC seeks 9U5BB ('71) and XU1AA ('72).

WB2QPH needs TY6ATE ('78) and a current address for N2FU.

K1DRN still looking for KH8AC address for friend ZE1CR.

WB1CSE needs 5T5JD (3/81).

K0JTW (and others) need 5B4CO.

K1KNM still needs CR7EZ ('60).

TJ1AA address needed by K7CQ and others.

WA4YZF seeks FW0WW (6/79).

ZF2EQ and FP0FAV (2/81) needed by W7ULC.

SM3DXC needs VS9ASP (1967).

W8UVZ looking for KB6CT (71) and VR1PA (72).

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Lee Wall, SM3RL, will operate J5HTL, Guinea-Bissau Oct 29 through Nov 12, on both CW and SSB. QSL to SM3CXS.

Radio Vaticana celebrates its 50th anniversary later this year, and they are offering an award for working the several amateur stations there. Those in Europe and the USA (except KH6 and KL7) must work two of the three; all others need work only one. The calls are HV3SJ, HV1CN, and HV2VO. Starting date was Oct 1 and the time period runs until next Feb 1. Send photocopy of QSLs received to Radio Vaticana, Citta del Vaticano, Europe.

The Houston Convention Oct 3 and 4 drew almost 2,000 people. The R.L. Drake Company presented Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, a remote vfo to go with his TR-7. Father Moran made Houston the first stop on his present tour. The Texas DX Society added a 35mm SLR camera to Father Moran's traveling kit. TDXSociety claims to have served 2100 drinks at their hospitality suite Friday night.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

San Felix KF10/CEØ about Oct 16; Issue 112
W. Samoa 5W1 by NCal DXC Oct 19/20
Bahamas KC2CS/C6A Oct 12-20
St Pierre W8AH group until Oct 18; I 107
Bangladesh Rumored on NOW by JAs; Issue 111

K4YT Opening from Africa soon; I 107
Niue ZK2 by NCalDXC Oct 21-28
Contest CQ WW CQ WW Phone Oct 24/25
Madeira W6TPH/CT3 Oct 24/25
B.V.I. VP2VDH by N6CW Oct 24/25

Montserrat By KP4BZ group Oct 24/25
Luxembourg DZ1WA/LX Oct 24/25; I 102
Bahamas K2ON/C6A Oct 24/25
Jan Mayen JX8A Oct 24/25; I 110
Monaco DJ5CQ/3A Oct 24-30

W Samoa 5W1 by NCal DXC Oct 29-31
Guinea-Bissau J5HTL by SM3RL Oct 29-Nov 12; I 112
Bahamas K8MFO and W8DNC Nov 20-30
Albania Still rumored Dec by EA8AK group

W4ETO, HB9AQW, SM3RL, W8KPL,
W8UVZ, KA4QVK, KE1F, W6RTN,
K9AJ, WA2NSM, W3AZD, KF10,
VE1BNN, N6RJ, K6LPL, N1GL,
JA1BRK, W2SAW, W8GZX, XE1NI,
WD5AAM, W4VQ, N3BB, KP4EQF,
K9PQG, W1VV, KA1KD, N8BKB,
WØBW, NR4V, WIUN, NA3R, K6IR,
KØDEQ, W7YF, WB8ZRL, W2HAZ,
WA7OBH, W3LMZ, W4PNY.

Thank you!

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Now that the U.S. Postal
"Service" has raised
first class rates (beginning
Nov 1) we should remind you
that stamps which do NOT have
their "price" on them are NOT
usable for overseas mail.

TDXB UNOFFICIAL RULES FOR LIST OPERATIONS

1. The list "manager" will always be on time for the list
2. The DX station will never be on time for the list running
3. The manager will always start on the opposite end of the
order from your call (if you're a "1" he'll start at Ø)
4. If there are five stations in your call area and you are the
weakest, they will list only four of you
5. You will always be at least three S units louder at the DX
station than you are at the list manager's station
6. You will always be at least three S units louder at the DX
station than the list manager is
7. The three people ahead of you will request (and get) two-way
SSTV contacts and the band will go dead
8. You will be in the Sandbox when your call is called
9. The DX station will not show and the list will be carried
over to the evening of your wedding anniversary
10. If you ask for QSL information they will put you on a list for it
11. The ability of the list manager will be inversely proportional
to his class of FCC license
12. Once you make DXCC Honor Roll, every country you need will be
available only on lists
13. Your medical insurance will not cover toes broken from kicking
your operating desk.

(TO BE CONTINUED)